

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 16-22 with the following paragraph:

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--A nucleic acid construct of the invention comprises a polynucleotide as disclosed herein linked to another, different polynucleotide. For example, a full-length KAS coding sequence may be operably fused in-frame to a nucleic acid fragment that encodes a leader sequence, secretory sequence or other additional amino acid sequences that may be usefully linked to a polypeptide or peptide fragment.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 18-23 with the following paragraph:

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--One may use a polynucleotide disclosed herein for cosuppression as well as for antisense inhibition. Cosuppression of genes in plants may be achieved by expressing, in the sense orientation, the entire or partial coding sequence of a gene. See, e.g., WO 94/11516, incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 8-14 with the following paragraph:

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--The open reading frame of the *Arabidopsis FAE1* gene was amplified directly by PCR, using *Arabidopsis thaliana* cv. Columbia genomic DNA as a template, pfu DNA polymerase and the following primers: 5'CTCGAGGAGCAATGACGTCCGTTAA-3' and 5'- CTCGAGTTAGGACCGACCGTTTG-3' (SEQ ID NOS:15 and 16, respectively). The PCR product was blunt-end cloned into the *Eco RV* site of pBluescript (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA).--

Please replace the paragraph on page 28, lines 3-13 with the following paragraph:

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--The open reading frames (ORFs) for the EL2, EL4 and EL7 clones were amplified by PCR. The EL2 ORF was cloned into λ YES using the primers: CTCGAGCAAGTCCACTACCACGCA and CTCGAGCGAGTCAGAAGGAACAAA (SEQ ID NOS:17 and 18, respectively). The EL4 ORF was cloned into pYEura3 using the primers: GATAATTAGAGAGGCACAGGGT and GTGACACACAAGAATGGGTAGATCCAA (SEQ ID NO:19 and 20, respectively). The EL7 ORF was cloned into pYEura3 using the primers: CAGTTCCTCAAACGAAGCTA and GTCGACTTCTCAATGGACGGTGCCGGA (SEQ ID NOS:21 and 22, respectively). Amplified products were cloned into pYEura3 under the control